

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

All God-pleasing obedience begins in the heart and is guided by God's Word.

Today's Worship

Opening Hymn

286 *The Law Commands and Makes Us Know*

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M – Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C – Congregation (sing) **Amen.** page 15

M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and for eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

C (sing) **Lord, have mercy on us.** page 15
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C (sing) **Amen.** page 16

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C (sing) **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.**
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. page 16

Prayer of the Day M The Lord be with you.

C (sing) **And also with you.** page 17

M O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (sing) **Amen.** page 17

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-8 – NIV ©

God called his people to follow his Word and take great care to live by it.

4 Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. ⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and

understanding people.” ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

Psalm of the Day **Psalm 119c**

Second Lesson **Ephesians 6:10-20**

A life and death struggle rages within us. Only the armor God supplies in his Word equips us to battle evil and overcome through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Verse of the Day Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. [Jeremiah 15:15]
C (speak) **Alleluia.**

Gospel of the Day **Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23**

The sinful heart produces only evil. The cleansing power of the gospel works renewal, love, and devotion to God.

⁷ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.”^[b]

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”

²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day 459 *O God, My Faithful God*

Sermon

Sermon Response **C** (sing) *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.* page 20

The Offering *Partners committed to the ministry of King of Kings give their offerings at this time in worship. Electronic giving is available at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1384880> Or, mail to:
King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1593 Crescent Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065*

Offering Hymn [469:1, 5]	<i>Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.</i>	<i>Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart—it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.</i>
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Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Communion Practice: *In the sacrament of Holy Communion we celebrate our unity of beliefs as we receive Jesus' body and blood (1 Corinthians 10,11). Therefore we ask our guests to wait to come to Holy Communion here until we can discuss with you what we believe. We look forward with joy to the time when new members join us for the sacrament.*

M The Lord be with you.

C (sing) **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C (sing) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C (sing) **It is good and right so to do.**

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M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C (sing) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** page 22

The Words of Institution

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C [sing] **Amen.**

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C [sing] **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

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**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

Distribution of the Sacrament

- Distributed Holy Communion is now offered. You may receive the bread in a flat open hand. Please do not touch the communion packs if you are receiving the sacrament distributed.
- Communion packs with small cups are grape juice/bread. Both seals are on top of the cup.
- Communion packs with small goblet are bread/wine. Seals for each are on opposite ends.

After the distribution of Holy Communion, rise and sing:

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**Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace
according to your word.**

For my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared before the face of all people,

A light to lighten the Gentiles

and the glory of your people Israel.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C (sing) **And his mercy endures forever.**

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M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C (sing) **Amen.**

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M The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C (sing) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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Closing Hymn **316** *O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee*

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Welcome in the name of the triune God! We especially welcome our guests today at King of Kings. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please sign our guest register before you leave.

If you would like more information about King of Kings Church, or if you are interested in membership, please contact Pastor Kluball.

The mission of King of Kings Evangelical Lutheran Church, in accordance with the inspired and inerrant Word of God, is to glorify the Lord God through worship, teaching, fellowship and sharing the message of salvation with its members, the community, and the world. [Mt 28:18-20]

Mask Requirement at Indoor Worship and Sunday School. Due to increasing rates of Covid in our region, we are returning for a time to **Masks required for all** at our larger indoor gatherings -- especially Sunday School and Worship. No matter what your vaccination status is, we ask that everyone above age 24 months wear a mask at all times inside the building on Sunday mornings. No masks required outdoors (including worship), but please bring masks with you in case you need to enter the building to use the restroom.

Sunday School Teachers today at 11:15am.

Sunday School year begins next Sunday, September 12 with 8:00am & 10:30am worship. Sunday School is at 9:15am. A Church Picnic at 11:45am with cookout and yard games that day marks the beginning of our education year. Please sign up on the sheet on the round table if you plan to attend the picnic.

Youth Confirmation: Begins next Sunday, September 12 at 1:00pm. The first class will be a one hour session.

New Christian Worship Hymnal and Psalter: If you would like to purchase a new hymnal or a new psalter for personal use or to donate for church use, please sign up on the sheet on the round table by **next Sunday, September 12**. Cost is \$24 per hymnal and \$22 per psalter. (Name engraving on hymnal is available for an extra \$10.)

Pioneers' Book Bomb: Next Sunday, September 12 after church picnic. Pioneers are going to donate books to the little neighborhood libraries with a note inside telling where the books came from. If you are interested in donating books for this service project, please see Amie LeMieux (wlemieux67@gmail.com).

Movie Night: Friday, September 17 at 7:00pm. Come see "E.T.!" Movie starts at 7:20pm. Please sign up if you would like to attend.

Bike Ride & Picnic at SPAC: Saturday, September 18 at 11:00am. Park near the tennis courts and Roosevelt baths. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided; please bring a side to share. Bring your own bikes, helmets, and water bottles. A sign-up is on the round table. Any questions, please talk to Mike or Amanda Vooris (voorisfam@gmail.com).

WinGS Craft & Lunch: Saturday, September 25 at 10:00am at Nancy Brewer's house (7 Koon St., Wynantskill). All women and teen girls are invited to come learn a new craft. Lunch is provided. A sign-up sheet will be out soon.

Books needed: WinGS (Women in God's Service) is looking for hardcover books for a craft they are making for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Rally next year. The books should be about the size of the church's NIV Bibles or smaller. We do not want any books with any kind of plastic laminate on the cover because paint will not stick to that. The books are being made into table centerpieces. If you want to see some samples, they are in the teen room. A box for book donations is also in the teen room. Thank you!

Worship attendance Sunday, August 22: 85 General Offering (mailed-in offerings plus what was received in worship) – \$2,576.42. Art Camp - \$1,275.

This Week at King of Kings

Sunday	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15am	Young Adults' Brunch
Wednesday	8:00am	Men's Group
	9:00am	Clifton Park Moms' Club
Sunday	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	Church Picnic
	1:00pm	Youth Confirmation
	After picnic	Pioneers Book Bomb

For Worship:

tinyurl.com/KingofKingsNY

For all Zoom events (classes, meetings, etc.):

Join using link

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Meeting ID: 776 851 9304

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Dial in

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Meeting ID: 776 851 9304

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Serving God and Us Today

9:30am

Pianist: Marlys Anderson
 Ushers: Matt Beer, Dan Englert
 Elder: Adam Klingbeil
 Video: Lucas Wilson
 Altar Care: Lisa Deserre, Kaaren Benoit
 Counters: Dan Englert, Lynda Rhodes

Serving God and Us Next Week

8:00am

Pianist: Marlys Anderson
 Ushers: Dave Waldek, Rodger Anderson
 Altar Care: Lisa Deserre, Kaaren Benoit
 Cleaners: J. Czirr, Kim, & Baldasaro

10:30am

Pianist: Marlys Anderson
 Ushers: Jeff Slater, James Rosenthal
 Video: Lucas Wilson
 Counters: Curt Becker, Nancy Paulsen
 Mowers: Waldek Family